

## **KMUD In May: Status Of District's Outstanding Bonds For 2011-12**

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The Kleinwood MUD (the "Water Board") met once in May in which the primary items of discussion included 1) the review of the District's bond obligations for 2011-2012, 2) the discussion of the District's increased usage of surface water received from the NHCRWA, and 3) the review of the various construction activities currently within the District. Please note that the Water Board holds its monthly meeting on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Kleinwood Clubhouse, beginning at 6 PM. Residents of the Kleinwood MUD are welcome to attend, as these meetings are open to the general public.

--- The fiscal year for the District ends on March 31, 2012. The District will make two separate bond payments in this fiscal year – one in August, 2011, in the amount of \$807,704, and one in February, 2012, in the amount of \$337,163, a total of \$1,144,867 for both payments. As of the end of April, the District has collected \$1,584,378 (nearly 98% collected), which is sufficient to cover our debt obligations in this fiscal year. Final tax roles for 2010 will be published this June by HCAD, which may slightly reduce or increase the taxes still remaining to be collected, currently estimated to be approximately \$40,000. The District remains financially healthy in meeting its annual debt obligations. Currently the District's total outstanding bonded debt is \$15,145,000, with bond payments being made semi-annually until the year 2030.

--- The District used 98% surface water and 2% groundwater in April, the second consecutive month at this rate. The North Harris County Regional Water Authority (NHCRWA) has stressed the importance of all Water Districts, including KMUD, to use the maximum amount of surface water, as the NHCRWA is under a mandate from the State for the amount of surface water usage statewide for 2011. Previous mechanical problems at the KMUD water plants last spring prevented the District from using its quota of surface water usage, but those problems have now been fixed. KMUD is committed to maximizing surface water usage for the remainder of the year.

--- Construction began on the Stuebner-Airline utilities. These lines will be installed along the west side of Stuebner-Airline, from Lyons School Road south to Cypresswood Drive, and then along Cypresswood Drive west to the Meyer Park boundary. By month end, the sanitary sewer line had been completed, and a portion of the water line had been installed. The very dry earth has slowed some of the drilling progress, but the expected completion of the construction is still targeted for early to mid June.

--- In other construction activities, the water tie-in (tap), water meter, and fire hydrant will be installed in early June in front of the new Whataburger. The new diesel generator at the Louetta water plant passed its start-up test, while the new generator at the Champions Woods lift station will be retested

in June after a mechanical issue is resolved. The critical start-up was the backup water supply at the water plant, in case of a power outage following bad weather. The contract to televise Kleinwood's underground lines will commence in June, as will the contract to recoat the hydro-pneumatic tanks at both water plants.

--- The 2010 Water Quality Report was sent to District residents with their water bill. In summary, the Report states that KMUD's drinking water "meets or exceeds all Federal (EPA) Drinking Water Requirements". No violations were reported in any of the categories of contaminants that were tested.

## **A Piece Of Kleinwood Area History: Town of Spring – Part 2**

### **Turn Of The Century 1875 - 1925**

The building of the railroad brought people, money, and business to Spring. In the 1870's railroad entrepreneur Jay Gould brought the International and Great Northern Railroad through town. Shortly after 1900, when the Fort Worth line was laid to intersect with the I. & G.N. in the middle of town, Spring became a major switchyard. There was a roundhouse with 14 track yards, and almost 200 railroad men were stationed there. The depot had three rail divisions: south to Galveston, north to Palestine, and northwest to Fort Worth.

The town grew rapidly, reaching a population of about 1200 by 1910. There were hotels, saloons, and a gambling hall, catering to the fun-loving railroad workers. Still standing is the Wunsche Bros. Saloon and Hotel, now serving the community as the wonderfully restored Spring Cafe. Charles and Dell Wunsche had the establishment built in 1902 with lumber from their own sawmill. Their brother, William Wunsche Sr., Ralph Hanks, and Voress Bonin constructed it.

Two stories high, it was an imposing building in its day, and its business thrived for almost 20 years. Many a barroom brawl took place at the popular watering hole, and William Wunsche, Jr., recalls that tap beer sold fast at five cents a glass. Prohibition curtailed the saloon's business, and in 1923, the railroad, now the Missouri Pacific, moved its roundhouse to Houston, diminishing the hotel trade.

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